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SUBJECT: U.S. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON BONN ANTI-HIJACKING
DECLARATION

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE BONN ANTI-HIJACKING
DECLARATION WAS RELEASED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS
BRIEFING ON JULY 28:

QUOTE: AT THE RECENT BONN SUMMIT CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT
CARTER AND THE OTHER LEADERS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN
WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND AGREED TO INTEN-
SIFY THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO COMBAT IT. TO THAT END, THEY
RESOLVED TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY THEIR COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE
TO, AND TO INITIATE ACTION TO HALT INCOMING FLIGHTS FROM,
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COUNTRIES WHICH REFUSE TO PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE AIRCRAFT
HIJACKERS OR RETURN HIJACKED AIRCRAFT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PLACES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
ON ITS COMMITMENT TO THE BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARA-
TION. THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT BONN IS A MAJOR ADVANCE IN
OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT AIRCRAFT HIJACKING. THE SEVEN SUMMIT

PARTICIPANTS ARE THE MAJOR AVIATION POWERS OF THE FREE WORLD; THEIR AIRLINES CARRY TWO-THIRDS OF THE FREE WORLD PASSENGERS.

AS THE HOST COUNTRY FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONVENED A MEETING OF EXPERTS IN BONN ON AUGUST 1 AND 2 TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROCEDURES UNDER THE INITIATIVE OF THE BONN DECLARATION TO DETER AIR HIJACKINGS. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THAT MEETING BY AMBASSADOR QUAINTON, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM, AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS TO OBTAIN THE BROADEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION. UNQUOTE VANCE

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